(a) whether it is a fact that the amount payable for STD calls from Delhi is less by certain percentage during night;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal for extending this benefit to other towns of the country, especially to the State Capitals; and

(c) if so, what are the dttails in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) A concessional tariff for STD calls made during night hours (from 7 PM to 8 AM next morning) has always been in existence. This concessional tariff is applicable to all stations and not only in Delhi.

(c) Details of the new tariff effective from 1.4.89 are given in the table below:

Radial distance between any two exchanges or between any two long distance charging centres (in Kms.)	Periodicity of S.T.D./ Pulses in Seconds per unit call				
	Week Days	Concessional Rate			
		Week Days		National Holidays & Sundays	
	0800 Hrs. to 1900 Hrs.	0600 Hrs. to 0800 Hrs. and 1900 Hrs. to 2200 Hrs.	2200 Hrs. to 2400 Hrs. and 0000 Hrs. to 0600 Hrs.	0600 Hrs. to 2200 Hrs.	2200 to 2400 Hrs. and 0000 to 600 Hrs.
20—50	36	48	48	48	48
50 – 100	12	24	48	24	48
100 – 200	8	16	36	16	36
200 – 500	4	8	16	8	16
500 – 1000	3	6	12	6	12
Above—1000	2	4	8	4	8

Navy Personnel Killed in Helicopter Crash

2560. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three officers and 2 sailors of Indian Navy died in helicopter crash on 31st May, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the main causes of the crash and at which place the incident occurred; and

(c) whether any action has been taken so far against those responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Naval Chetak Helicopter, while on a routine patrol sortie, crashed 9.54 Nautical Miles South East of Ramnad near Mandapam in Tamil Nadu on the 31st May, 1989, killing all the five Naval personnel on board the ill-fated helicopter. A Board of Inquiry is in progress. The findings of the Boards of Inquiry are treated as classified and are not disclosed in the public interest.